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# *Rapid River News!*

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*(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business. The department or persons involved is shown at the end of each item. If the item is general in nature, PA will appear for Public Affairs)*

(Natural Resource related items)

- **Tribal Air Quality notice!** The Department of Environmental Quality and the Michigan Department of Community Health have partnered together to promote National Air Quality Awareness Week. The week of April 28 to May 2 has been designated to help educate the public about air quality health concerns and how everyone can help improve Michigan's air quality.

(Cultural related items)

- **Mother Earth Water Walk 2008.** Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup>, was the kickoff for this wonderful tribal event designed to bring attention to the need to protect our Lakes water... "the lifeblood of Mother Earth." Anishinaabe women, escorted by tribal men will carry a copper bucket of lake water around Lake Michigan through Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and end in Escanaba around May 12<sup>th</sup>. As they go, they will stop and offering blessings to each tributary that feeds the lake.

(Tribal Government-Department items)

- **No more Tribal Fuel at Northern Pass after May 23<sup>rd</sup>!** Tax-exempt gasoline and diesel fuel will not be available at Northern Pass Marathon after May 23, 2008. The LITTLE RIVER TRADING POST at 2596 Loon Drive will be providing tax-exempt motor fuel for Tribal members. The monthly purchase limit will remain at 175 gallons per Tribal member. The Trading Post is scheduled to open around May 24<sup>th</sup>.

(Emergency Management items)

- **Homeland Security Conference.** Three members of the Tribal Emergency Planning Group attended the Michigan Homeland Security Conference and Training meeting in Grand Rapids. The tribe is an integral part of regional response and maintains close ties with various agencies to ensure quick, effective response in time of incidents or disasters affecting tribal lands and property. Representatives from 11 Michigan tribes attended the conference.

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